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## "I AM GOING TO DIE" SAYS JOFFRE.

Aged Marshal Shows Signs of Strength.

### ABLE TO SPEAK.

Paris, Yesterday. "I am going," said Marshal Joffre to the one-armed Military Governor of Paris, General Gouraud, when the latter visited his bedside to-day. Gouraud said: "Marshal, do you remember Timbuctoo? (Joffre was one of the leaders of the march on Timbuctoo in 1893.) I was by your side."

The Marshal signalled his recollection, and then murmured very softly, "I am going."

The doctors declare that they never had such a patient as this wonderful old man of seventy-one who, after five hours' unconsciousness last night woke up and asked food and greedily gulped a glass of milk held out to him. When he had finished he said calmly and quietly, "I am going to die."

Marshal Joffre this morning was able to drink another glass of milk, raising the glass with his own hands.—Reuter.

### Improvement Marked.

Paris, later. Marshal Joffre's improvement to-night was more marked.—Reuter.

### Condition Grave.

Paris, Yesterday. Contrary to all expectation, Marshal Joffre was still alive this morning. Indeed, he has recovered consciousness, and is able to eat and to speak a few words; but a bulletin at eight this morning says his lungs are becoming blocked and his breathing remains irregular. The prognosis is still grave.

The doctors state that Marshal Joffre's heart is exceptionally strong, and his wonderful vitality makes the case almost unique.

M. Barthou, who has been a constant visitor to his old friend Joffre, said on leaving the bedside this morning that the doctors told him the Marshal's condition is hopeless, but he may fight death for several days.

His extraordinary resistance astonishes everybody. Though he ate and spoke a little, Joffre is only semi-conscious, and is unable to recognise visitors.—Reuter.

### HEALTH INSURANCE

#### CASH RESERVES NEARLY DOUBLED.

##### WORKERS RESPOND.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In spite of industrial depression, the great voluntary friendly societies have made progress, both numerically and financially, during the current year 1930.

When the National Health Insurance was brought into existence, it was generally believed that the friendly societies would suffer, instead of which, they are to-day much stronger in membership and have nearly doubled their cash reserves. In the few years they have had to meet competition by the State. This is largely due to the fact that the societies, by careful husbanding of resources, are able to offer bigger benefits to insured members.

There are now above ten million workers, making independent insurance against sickness and disablement, and their aggregate reserves are about \$100,000,000. Their payments in sickness and funeral benefits, and to the benevolent fund, total about \$7,000,000 during 1930.—British Wireless Service.

### TSINGTAO CABLE

#### AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH JAPAN

Nanking, Yesterday. The formal signature of the Sino-Japanese agreement restoring to China the operation of the Tientsin-Szechuan railway effected this morning.

The agreement will be submitted to the respective governments for ratification after which the restoration of the railway will be effected.

## COTTON WEAVERS TO GO ON STRIKE?

Another Labour Crisis Probable.

### OBJECTION TO SYSTEM.

London, Yesterday. Another serious labour stoppage is probable on January 5, the date on which the Lancashire Master Cotton Weavers have announced the introduction of the "more looms per weaver" system. The Central Committee of Weavers' Amalgamation (operators), at a meeting to-day, decided to withdraw labour from all mills where the system is introduced, and workers in other mills will cease work sympathetically.—Reuter.

### SPANISH REBEL WANTS A JOB.

Major Franco Arrives in Belgium.

### POLICE INTERVIEW.

Brussels, Yesterday. Major Franco, the Spanish rebel, arrived by steamer at Antwerp from Portugal today accompanied by his mechanic, Sada, with whom he flew to Portugal after the failure of the rebellion. Secret police interviewed the conspirators on board ship and warned them to refrain from political activities. Both have left for Brussels. Major Franco said that they only intended to stay in Brussels a short time, until they obtained an engagement as airmen to South America.—Reuter.

### BOMB PLOT FOILED.

#### LONG JAIL TERMS FOR ITALIAN "REDS".

#### CAUGHT RED-HANDED.

Paris, Yesterday. Two Italians named Lario and Zitter have been sentenced respectively to three years and 18 months' imprisonment.—Reuter.

A cable of October 28 stated: "Two auspicious individuals were arrested early this morning near the Eiffel Tower. They are said to have admitted that they are Italian Communists, who had come to blow up the Fascist headquarters in Paris.

They were in possession of automatic pistols, ammunition and a bomb, contained in a large paper parcel.

An examination of the bomb showed that it was powerful enough to blow up a large building. It consisted of a "76" artillery shell, charged with melinite, enclosed in a petrol can.]

### RUHR MINES CRISIS

#### OWNERS THREAT OF WHOLE-SALE DISMISSAL.

Cologne, Yesterday. Negotiation between owners and miners in the Ruhr coal industry over the question of wages have broken down. The owners threatened to post notices of dismissal for the whole coalfield on January 15. Government intervention is expected.—Reuter.

### H.K. & S. HOTELS.

#### ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., announce the following arrangements for the New Year festivities:—

Pensilvania Hotel, to-night, New Year's Eve Carnival Dinner Dance, 8.30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dinner \$8 per person. After dinner dance \$2 per person.

Repulse Bay Hotel, to-night, New Year's Eve Carnival and Party Dress Ball. Fully reserved bookings now closed for this celebration.

Pensilvania Hotel, January 1, New Year's Day Tea Dance, 1.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Repulse Bay Hotel, January 1, New Year's Day Special Tea Dance, 1.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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## ANCIENT RITES FOR LORD MELCHETT.

Buried According to Old Jewish Custom.

### VIOLET MARBLE TOMB.

London, Yesterday. Several Government departments as well as Mr. Lloyd George, were represented at the funeral of Lord Melchett, which was carried out with Jewish rites in an improvised synagogue erected in the front of the family mausoleum, set amid tall pine trees. Here the coffin in which Lord Melchett's head rested on a piece of Palestine soil lay, while the Minister of the West London (Reform) Synagogue recited aged old Hebrew prayers. At the conclusion the coffin was placed on the tomb, which rests on a pedestal of violet marble.

Lord Henry Mond, the new Baron, recited the mourners' prayers and finally came to the ancient Kaddish, to which the mourners uttered responses. The Zionist executive received messages of sympathy from centres as distant as Colombia and China.

New Chairman.

London, Later. The "Star" says that Sir Harry McGowan will succeed Lord Melchett in the chairmanship of the Imperial Chemical Industries. Distinguished Mourners.

London, Yesterday. Every department of public life was represented at the funeral of Lord Melchett, at St. Pancras cemetery, Finchley.

Leaders of industry, ex-ministers and representatives of foreign ministers, diplomats, Indian Princes Courts and the organised workers of Britain, were among the great concourse at the graveside.—Reuter.

### ALLEGED ARSON TRIAL.

#### When Was Insurance Effected?

#### DATES IN QUESTION.

At the resumption of the trial at the Assizes this morning of three men on a charge of arson, the foreman of the Jury applied to the Chief Justice for permission to sit only in the morning. Counsel on both sides concurring. His Lordship decided to rise at 1 p.m., resuming the hearing on Friday.

Yip Sze-ming was recalled, and cross-examined by Mr. Jenkins as to the date he first saw No. 1 prisoner in connection with insurance. He agreed that in evidence at the Magistracy he had given the date as being in the seventh month, but said that his depositions mentioning July were mistaken. What he had meant to say, and which had possibly been mistranslated, was the seventh Chinese moon, which corresponded with his statement yesterday as being between August 24 and September 21.

Mr. Jenkins: You now say August, which you will agree to bring your evidence as to negotiations with the prisoner much nearer to the date of the fire? No. There was a mistranslation in the other Court, apparently.

Importance of Dates.

Mr. Jenkins: I made a plea that dates in depositions should be either definitely Chinese or Gregorian. The point was a very important one, and he would like the crown to take up the matter.

His Lordship replied that occasional errors were unavoidable. "Even the Chinese themselves get confused about dates, at times," he added.

Evidence was next taken from a stovetore's cooie, who deposed to handling over 15 bales of palm leaves, to a man who brought a chit signed by the Po-tai Company. That was early in the morning of October 18.

The carpenters who worked in the Wing Lok Street premises then gave formal evidence.

The case is proceeding.

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## A NEW YEAR CRISIS

#### S. WALES MINERS TO GO ON STRIKE

### TERMS REJECTED

OWNERS & MEN FAIL TO AGREE.

London Yesterday. The South Wales miners' delegate at a conference this evening rejected the owners' terms, which will now be posted in the collieries to-morrow. Mr. Richards, the Miners' Secretary, said, after two hours' discussion, that the owners were regardless either of legality or humanity.

Mr. Gibson, the Coal Miners' Secretary, said that the miners had failed to accept their terms, and added that the terms would be posted up at the pitheads as soon as possible.

Action on the part of the miners depends on the delegate's conference at Cardiff this afternoon. Simultaneously a report by the National Coal Board on the South Wales dispute has been issued in London. This appreciates the temporary agreement on November 29 for reduced earnings of workers, and the South Wales Miners' Federation proposed a redistribution of hours, namely 7-3/4 for five days and 6-1/4 on Saturday.

Working Hours.

The report says that such redistribution is only possible by agreement between parties, for the "Coal" Mines' Act prohibits more than 7-1/2 hours work daily. The Board, therefore, recommends a maximum of seven hours, 40 minutes' work daily for five days, and seven hours on Saturday, establishing a principle of 12 working days, including both Saturdays, in a 90-hour fortnight.

The temporary agreement, which the owners proposed to continue in January, lays down eight hours daily for five days in each week, seven hours for the first Saturday, and no work for the second Saturday, making a total of 27 hours a fortnight, instead of 90 as allowed by the spreader.

Stoppage Inevitable.

Later. South Wales coal owners and miners failed to agree at Cardiff to-day upon the terms for the extension of the temporary agreement, expiring to-morrow. A stoppage in the New Year is inevitable.

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About November 6 the second defendant produced a letter "from the spirits" which cost the widow \$3,500 from her by a trick.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo appeared for Li Fung Leung.

In September, 1928, the son of Choi Ngan, the complainant, fell sick, and all attempts to cure him failed, and acting on advice from a friend, she called in the first defendant, who was reputed to effect cures by invoking the gods. After hearing the facts he immediately offered prayers, for which he charged 20 cents. This was followed by other prayers which cost the widow various fees, from 20 cents to \$2.80.

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Defendant was stated to have wrapped the notes up and told the widow to throw them into the sea. Later he gave her a similar packet saying the "gods" had sent the money back to him, and charged her not to open the packet. This was two years ago, and the packet remained intact until a visit from his nephew, on December 10, who opened the packet and discovered a wad of brown paper.

Evidence was taken from the complainant and other witnesses, after which the case was adjourned.

The main point at issue is one of wages.

Under the form of spreader suggested by the owners, an eleven-day fortnight would be worked. The miners complain that this means a loss of one day's work and one day's pay per fortnight, as compared with the old twelve-day fortnight.

It is understood that the recommendations of the miners' committee are to be accepted by the owners.

Mr. Jenkins, the miners' committee chairman, said that the miners

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### PLEA TO SHIPOWNERS.

London, Yesterday. Sir James Lithgow, writing in the annual review of Lloyd's List, strikes an optimistic note when he says that Great Britain, in spite of the lamentable condition of her basic trades, still possesses the largest foreign trade per head of the population in the world, and by comparison with many of her competitors has exhibited a remarkable resistance to the forces of reaction.

He says that the hidden reserves of vitality which the present crisis of world trade and finance have called forth cannot be better exemplified than by the manner in which the Bank of England resumed almost without question her traditional place as the leader of international finance.

Mr. E. H. Watts, writing on "Low Freight and the Tramp," says that the remedies for shipping are frankly Imperialistic. Empire goods carried in Empire ships; bankers to use their influence to obtain preferential treatment Overseas, and British shipowners as a body to co-operate to remedy the present low freight rates.

Mr. Aylmer Vallance, another writer, says that since the War the whole orientation of the cargo shipping policy has been based on the supposition that Russia was definitely out of the picture as an exporter of the prime "tramp" cargo — grain. The event demonstrated that to forget Russia was a cardinal error.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.

A thorough-going policy of National recovery, an emergency tariff to protect the manufacturer, guaranteed price to the farmer for wheat, and a speedy agreement with the Dominions to build up a great Empire trade, are confidently forecast by Mr. Stanley Baldwin in his New Year messages as the achievements of 1931. He expresses the opinion that an election will not be long delayed, in spite of the "Liberal plot" to keep the socialists in power.—Reuter.

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Hong Kong 24th December 1930.

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## HUBBY'S REVENGE.

## WIFE DIES: DOCTOR CAST INTO PRISON!

Tsangchow, Nov. 10. Recently a Hankow paper published an article regarding the outrageous treatment of a Chinese modern-trained doctor in Kuling, at the hands of an ex-militarist, who had a foreign house at the Kiangsi Summer resort.

The unfortunate doctor, Teng Ching-san, is a Northerner, hailing from Yenhsien in Chihli, and received his training in Tsinan. He passed his medical course with credit and for some ten years he served with distinction in the Mission Hospital at Kuling.

On August 28 the doctor was summoned to attend the wife of an ex-military officer, Mr. Peng Wu-yang. He discovered that the woman was suffering from diphtheria.

He informed her husband that he proposed to inject anti-toxin, and received the latter's consent to do so, but the remedy was of no avail and the patient died soon after. (Most probably Dr. Teng had been called in too late.)

Thereupon Mr. Peng flew into a great rage, violently attacked the doctor and kept him a prisoner in the house for several hours, asserting that he had killed the woman.

## Arrested and Imprisoned.

He threatened to have him arrested and sent to the police quarters at Lushan on the mountain but did not at once carry out his intention. However, on September 23, at the instigation of Mr. Peng, the mayor of Kukiang ordered Dr. Teng to be arrested and lodged in the police headquarters in that city. No one dared to protest against this illegal action, in view of Mr. Peng's influence in the neighbourhood.

At first he was determined to send the doctor to Nanchang the provincial capital, but fortunately Dr. Liu Ju-heng, the Minister of Health in Nanking, who had interceded himself in the case, sent several messages to the provincial chairman demanding that Dr. Teng should be removed from the police quarters to the "Fa Yuan" in Kukiang and be tried there by the proper authority.

The vice-chairman of the "Li Fa Yuan" in Nanking had also

telephoned to Kukiang, insisting on the proper judicial procedure. Local friends in Kukiang and Kuling went surely for the doctor and, after the payment of \$900, he was allowed out on bail.

## Officials Browbeating.

On October 24 Mr. Peng went to the "Fa Yuan" and made a great disturbance, browbeating the officials, who, in consequence of his threatening attitude, ordered the unhappy medico to be once more imprisoned.

By the end of last month nothing had been done to release him. The trial had not taken place and his friends are greatly concerned at the weak attitude of the local officials.

Although further telegrams have been dispatched from influential people interested in Dr. Teng, the Kukiang law officers still appear unwilling to try him according to the established legal procedure.

## Outrageous Demands.

Friends have been working hard to settle the case out of court, but Mr. Peng is making the most extravagant and impossible demands.

He insists that Dr. Teng's medical diploma be cancelled and that he should be paraded through the streets of Kukiang with details of his "crime" set forth on his person like a common criminal.

Moreover the police must publish the doctor's photo in the local newspapers and he himself

make an ample apology to the implacable husband. Finally, he must be deprived of all his property, leave Kuling immediately, and never practise medicine again.

## A ONE DAY STAY.

## GIRL TYPIST SUED BY HER EMPLOYER.

A girl shorthand-typist, sued at Westminster County Court for £1 10s., wages in lieu of notice, said that she only went on trial on a Saturday and did not go back.

Her employer.—I was left with a book of untranscribed shorthand notes.

Judge Turner.—Even young women shorthand-typists can't go off without notice as they like.

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Judgment was given for the employer.

## SECOND - LAWRENCE.

## FRENCH STORY OF BRITISH AGENT IN ARABIA.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR.

The Aldershot Tattoo of 1931 will be presented on six nights in June instead of the usual five. The dates of the six performances are Saturday, June 13, and Tuesday to Saturday, June 16 to 20.

The popularity of the Tattoo threatens to rise above last year's record, for already over \$5,000 has been received in advance bookings. The chief features will touch the extremes of England's military history. One of them will draw upon the period of the Roman occupation and display, in disjointed spectacles, Roman troops defending Hadrian's Wall and Bedouins leading the Iceni against the Roman legions in one of the actions fought round Colchester. A second feature which illustrates the evolution of engines of war, will go to the other extreme and will show modern tanks and mechanized artillery in action, but side by side with these machines it will display the catapult, the ballista, and other early forms of pre-explosive "artillery."

Napoleonic rockets and mortars will be paraded with the ancient catapults and modern tanks; but a better display of Peninsular weapons will be seen in a dramatic spectacle which will illustrate Sir John Moore's retirement upon Corunna and its unhappy ending.

The only suggestion of the Great War occurs in connection with the introduction for the first time to the Tattoo arena of a cricket match and a hunting meet, which form the basis of an item entitled "A Subaltern's Dream."

Massed band performances, pipe music, club swinging with illuminated clubs, a musical ride, and evolutions by Highland battalions are other items of a crowded programme that will conclude with the assembly of the performers, some 5,000 in all, for the moving finale, with its hymns and patriotic airs.

claimed half the award. The sergeant refused his request, and when the butcher grew angry accepted his challenge to accompany him outside.

The butcher is alleged to have drawn a knife and stabbed both the sergeant and the constable, who went with him to see fair play.

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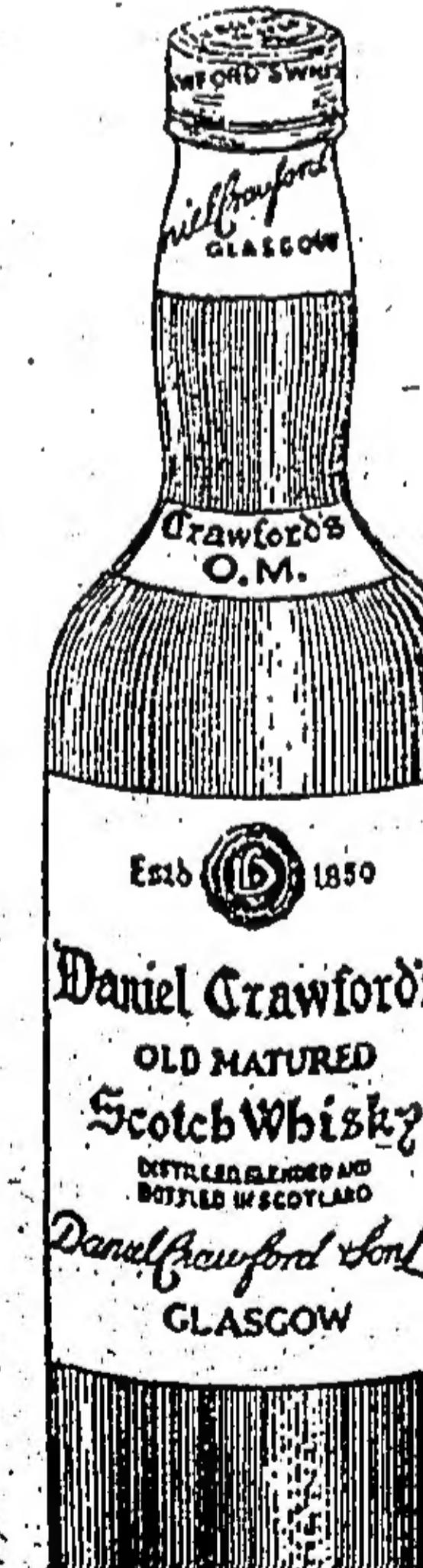
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 TANGO MARU ..... Sunday, 11th January.  
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| LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.                   | Alta Maru               | Fri.   | 9th Jan. |
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| DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DARES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA via Singapore & Colombo.       | Mexico Maru             | Mon.   | 5th Jan. |
| ELIZABETH via Singapore & Colombo.   | Brisbane Maru           | Mon.   | 5th Jan. |
| MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.   | Burma Maru              | Fri.   | 2nd Jan. |
| CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.  | Manila Maru (From Kobe) | Sat.   | 3rd Jan. |
| VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.   | Kwanto Maru             | Mon.   | 5th Jan. |
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THE N.Y.K. REPORT.

FEARFUL DRAIN IN FREIGHT REVENUES.

At its directors' board meeting, says the Japan Times, the tentative plan was adopted by the Nippon Yusen Kalsha for passing dividend payments to stockholders for the half-year business term ending on September 30. This rather drastic step is found imperative by means of the biggest shipping company of Japan, because of a fearful drain in freight revenues during the past months despite their remarkable performance in expenditure curtailment amounting to a couple of million yen for the same period. Reports are current that a further scale reduction and shifting around in the company's personnel may take place when the general meeting of stockholders will be held to discuss the non-dividend plan.

Attitude of Management.

The news of this bold decision, which is characteristic of the President, Mr. Kenkichi Kagami, is proving very unpleasant reading to the thousands of N.Y.K. shareholders. The criticism is made by some that Mr. Kagami probably wants to conduct the affairs of a shipping concern after the manner of an ultra-conservative bank, trust company or insurance firm, his specialty. Explanation is made, however, that this drastic dividend action is introduced by the management on the assumption that the present business slump will be of the duration of a couple of years and to cope with any difficult situation which may crop up in the meantime a conservation of capital resources within the concern is essential even if shareholders are deprived of their distribution at this time.

Reduction in Freights.

Officials of the shipping company stated to the Press that the current term saw a reduction in freight revenues of about Y.5,000,000 and passenger revenue gains have amounted to Y.1,000,000 mainly because of heavy bookings for the newly built super-boats.

To make the situation worse the company had to write off the value of its securities portfolio in keeping with the downward course in their markets.

The company estimates the net loss for the term at Y.5,566,000 which is lined up by raiding the dividend equalization fund amounting to Y.6,750,000, the balance Y.1,183,000 being carried forward to the next term.

The Chairman said that the German and Dutch and Italian lines were also subsidised by their Governments.

Major Walsh objected to the proposed air service to East Africa.

He said that it cost too much; and that one Union Castle liner, the British India liner, going to East Africa did more to develop the country than 100 aeroplanes.

The Chairman said the air service would open in January and be maintained weekly.

Captain Johnson, seconding the resolution, said the memorandum put them in a worse position because they had already a weekly service to East Africa.

He deprecated the air service, and added that there were five British lines now in the East African section.

The Secretary of the Dar-es-Salaam Chamber said British ships were no use to them.

They preferred French and Italian ships for mails, because they were quicker.

The memorandum was adopted and sent to the Colonial Office in answer to a letter to the Chamber, asking for details of the mail problem.

More detail was given to the Colonial Office on the question of regular sailings.

SHIPBUILDERS' SETBACK.

A very substantial fall in profits is reported for the past year by the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. of Glasgow.

Before providing for Debeniture interest the figure is £12,503, which compares with £52,192 for 1928-1929 and £54,917 for 1927-1928.

No depreciation has been allowed this year, however, owing to the large amount written off at June 30, 1929, and in previous years.

A memorandum for Debeniture interest for 1930-1931 indicates that the figure will be reduced from £22,070 to £12,000. Nothing has been written off for 1930-1931.

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| June 20   | June 23  | June 25 | June 27  | July 8    |
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| July 18   | July 21  | July 23 | July 25  | Aug. 5    |
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| *MIRZAPORE | 6,715  | 6th Jan.<br>10 a.m.        | Straits, Colombo & Bombay.                              |
| *JEYPORE   | 5,318  | 10th Jan.                  | Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp. |
| KASHMIR    | 8,985  | 17th Jan.                  | Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.          |
| COMORIN    | 15,182 | 21st Jan.                  | Bombay, Marseilles & London.                            |
| *PERIM     | 7,648  | 7th Feb.                   | Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp. |
| KASHGAR    | 9,005  | 14th Feb.                  | Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.          |

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| TILAWA  | 10,000 | 1931<br>7th Jan. | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta |
|---------|--------|------------------|------------------------------|
| TALAMBA | 8,018  | 16th Jan.        | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta |
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| NELLORE    | 6,853 | 31st Jan.                  | & Melbourne.                     |
| TANDA      | 6,956 | 28th Feb.                  |                                  |

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| COMORIN     | 15,132 | 1931<br>2nd Jan.<br>4 p.m. | Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.            |
|-------------|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| *KIDDERPORE | 5,334  | 6th Jan.<br>Daylight       | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.                |
| NELLORE     | 6,853  | 6th Jan.                   | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yohama. |
| TALMA       | 10,000 | 12th Jan.                  | Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.       |
| KASHEGAR    | 9,005  | 17th Jan.                  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.      |
| KHIVA       | 9,135  | 25th Jan.                  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.      |
| MALWA       | 10,980 | 31st Jan.                  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.      |
| TANDA       | 6,956  | 6th Feb.                   | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.      |
| KHYBER      | 9,114  | 14th Feb.                  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.      |
| *SOMALI     | —      | 20th Feb.                  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.      |
| RAWALPINDI  | 16,619 | 28th Feb.                  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.      |
| ST. ALBANS  | 4,500  | 6th Mar.                   | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yohama.        |

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### ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, Dec. 29. Empress of Russia, British str., 8,789 tons, Capt. A. J. Hosken, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.S.

Hin Sang, British str., 1,885 tons, Capt. T. Grant, from Sandakan, buoy No. B22.—B. & S. Wing Wo, Portuguese str., 495 tons, Captain I. D. de Lemos, from K. C. Wan, Salkong Wharf.—Wo Ho S. Co.

Tuesday, Dec. 30. Gertrude Maersk, Danish str., 3,155 tons, Captain C. Nielsen, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—Jebens & Co.

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Nanchang, British str., 1,483 tons, Captain G. A. Evans, from Canton, buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

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Osaka via Moji, Moji ... YUENSANG ... Tues, 27th Jan. at 7 a.m.

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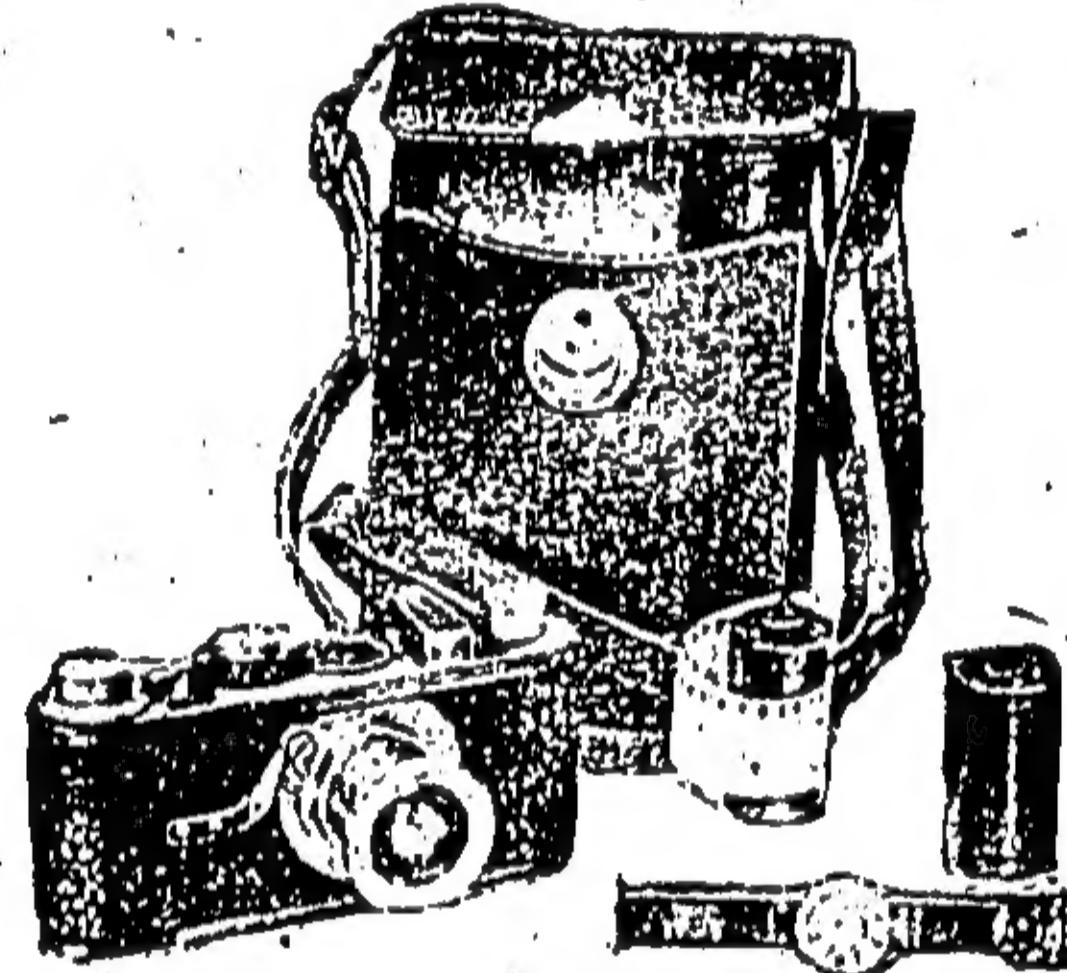
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Hong Kong, Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1930.

## RING OUT THE OLD!

The last of 1930! Will many in the Colony regret it? Are there any who like to prolong it? These questions cannot be answered in the affirmative or negative on behalf of the Colony as a whole. The tendency may be to dwell on the darker side of the picture of 1930—to recall tragedies, effects of the slump in the dollar, unwanted legislation, bitter public controversies, and all else of a sombre hue. And there is the recollection of a mighty sigh that to-day will see the last of 1930. The Sakeis of Malaya have, or had a quarter of century ago, a way of their own of dealing with all things old:

when a man or woman was considered to have lived long enough he or she was hung on a tree and left to die. These wild tribes, with their obsession for the blow-pipe, had no use for the old—and the old had to be forcibly ejected from their midst. And so with the old year: we of this generation have as a rule little use for that which is old. The advance of the scientific machine has created in us a desire to discard the old and reach out for the new. This is an age of rush, compared with which our forbears of only a few generations ago lived their lives in an atmosphere of quiet and leisure.

"But all that is old need not be despised. There has been much in the year now rapidly drawing to a close for which to be thankful as a community. There have been events during the past twelve months of public interest which will outlast the memory of the most tenacious of us. The most remarkable of these was the disappearance of Wong Wai, a fisherman at Stanley, who reported to the Police that whilst out gathering sea-weed near the northern end of Waglan with six others, one of the party with Wong, Oo, had slipped or accidentally fell into the water and was not seen again. A search for him was made.

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At the next meeting of the local branch of The English Association, on Tuesday, January 6, at 5.30 p.m. Mr. H. C. Macnamara will deliver a lecture on "Judicial English."

Property to the value of \$158, which was reported on December 29 as having been stolen from 4, Alveston Terrace, has been recovered by the Police in a pawnshop. No arrests have been effected.

Mr. A. C. Braine-Hartnell, residing at May Hall, has reported to the Police that between 8 p.m. on December 28 and 9 a.m. on December 29, some person stole from his motor car, which was parked in Lyttleton Road, a pump and three small spanners, of the total value of \$8.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer announce that Noma Shearer has signed a new long-term contract and is to star only in M-G-M pictures. Miss Shearer, who is extremely popular with local cinema patrons, is starring in "Let Us Be Gay" which is to be shown in the Queen's Theatre in the near future.

## CHILD WELFARE.

### WORK OF THE LOCAL SOCIETY.

### JUVENILE COURTS WANTED.

Sir Shou-sou Chow, President of the Society for the Protection of Children, took the chair at the first annual meeting held in the City Hall yesterday.

In moving the adoption of the report (published in the *China Mail* on Saturday last) he outlined the progress made by the Society since its formation in January last, stating that over \$15,000 was contributed by the end of March. In August the Society engaged Miss Seto Wai-sheung as Inspector for the investigation of cases.

The Society had also urged the foundation of a Juvenile Court, and the Governor had appointed a Committee to go into the question. The Society, in addition, had submitted a draft Bill to the Government.

### FINANCES GOOD.

Finances were very satisfactory, the tenth month commencing with a balance of \$20,000. Expenses had been less than \$1,400 in the period. Mr. Hazlerigg had been asked to join Mr. T. N. Chau as Honorary Secretary.

Mr. Hazlerigg later addressed the meeting on the work of the Society, after which the report and accounts were adopted.

### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Proposals that H.E. Sir William and Lady Peel be re-elected patrons and that Sir Cecil Clement be elected an hon. vice president met with the unanimous approval of the members.

The Patrons, Presidents, Vice-Presidents, general and executive committees and treasurer named in this year's annual report were elected to their respective offices for the ensuing year, with the exception of Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mr. B. D. F. Beith, whose places are to be filled by Mr. V. M. Grayburn and the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

Messrs. Lee Yau-tsun and Fung Ping-shun were elected members of the Executive Committee.

A vote of thanks for the useful work contributed by the Chairman terminated the business.

## THREAT TO MEN.

### PROFESSIONS INVADED BY WOMEN.

Bedford College girls, training for widely-varying careers listened recently to the first Fawcett Lecture, delivered by Miss L. Grier, Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. These lectures have been endowed in memory of Dame Millicent Fawcett.

Appropriately, it dealt with the changes in occupation and leisure of women during the last hundred years and the effect of the educational revolution.

As regards women in employment, the most noticeable increase, stated Miss Grier, was in the case of women clerks. In 1841 there were only 165 women clerks, whereas in 1921 there were some 430,000. A hundred years ago, there were nearly 800 men clerks to every woman clerk; now, there are about three women to every four men.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., advertise that to-morrow, all departments will be closed. The Hong Kong Dispensary, Dispensing Department will be open for dispensing prescription from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

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Referring to the professions,

## ANARCHISTS IN PARIS.

### Man Escapes While Grave Is Dug.

The latest anti-Fascist crime in France, following the arrest of two anarchists for a suspected plot to blow up the Italian Fascist.

Political murder was its object. The intended victim escaped with his life, but he is in a critical condition.

The criminals, whose names are known to the police, are members of a secret anti-Fascist organisation, and their arrest is expected to unveil a close relationship with the Communist revolutionary movement.

The object of the attack was a young Italian, called Carti, who went to Paris several months ago to join the Italian anti-Fascist. For some reason not yet revealed Carti became suspect in the eyes of his companions, and they decided to murder him. Carti was invited to a villa at Sartouville, a suburb of Paris, on the banks of the Seine, where two of the anti-Fascist chiefs were living.

Heated Discussion.

There, after a heated discussion, he was driven into the corner of a room and shot. The state of the room showed that a violent struggle had taken place. There were also a number of empty bottles of wine, which might indicate that the people carrying out the "execution" tried to make their victim talk.

It is clear also that the murder was arranged in cold blood, as a small water pump motor in a shed attached to the villa had been started up to prevent the noise of the shooting from being heard. The "execution" accomplished, the criminals, assuming their man to be dead, left him lying while they went to the garage to dig a grave for the body.

While they were away, however, Carti revived, and, in spite of the wound in his head, managed to drag himself out of the house, across the garden, and by a super-human effort to hoist himself on to a wall, from which he dropped on a neighbouring property.

### TRAIL OF BLOOD.

The would-be murderers, finding that their victim had escaped, evidently took flight in haste. Carti was discovered by a postman some hours after in a desperate state, and was only able to gasp out: "I have been shot by two Italians" before collapsing again. Since being in hospital he has refused to say anything more.

When the police entered the villa a trail of blood enabled them to reconstruct the shooting and the flight of the unfortunate Carti. The grave had already been dug and several sacks of lime prepared to place over the body, which showed that it was only on going to fetch it for burial that the men discovered the escape of their victim.

A number of documents and propaganda literature were found in the villa, as well as several passports and a time machine of the type used for setting off bombs.

This last discovery raises the possibility of some connection between the present outrage and the Anarchist plot revealed recently. What may prove even more important is the discovery at the villa of wireless sets both for receiving and for transmitting.

## MRS. HOOK MARRIED

### ROMANCE FOLLOWS TRAGIC BURMA AIR CRASH.

Mrs. Dorothy Victor Hook, widow of Flight-Lieutenant Eric Hook, who lost his life in the jungle in Burma last July while flying from England to Australia with Mr. James Matthews, was married in mid-week at Llandudno to Mr. R. F. Hopper, of St. Albans.

"I know I am doing the right thing, and that my late husband would approve," Mrs. Hook said when the news of her engagement was announced in September.

"I was faced with the necessity of sending my two little girls into a home, and I could not bear the idea. They will now have a home of their own. I shall also be a mother to Mr. Hopper's three boys, one of whom is young enough to be a playmate for my little girls."

Mr. Hopper, who is a retired dentist, lost his wife about the time Mr. Hook was killed. He wrote a letter of condolence to Mrs. Hook, and later was introduced to her by a friend. It was not long before they decided to marry.

While they were house hunting at Llandudno, Mr. Hopper's motor-car was overturned and Mrs. Hook and her two children were thrown out. Fortunately they escaped injury.

After Mr. Hook's body was found, a fund was raised by the Rev. C. J. Barry, of West Wickham, Kent, where Mrs. Hook was living, and nearly \$1,700. The whole has been invested for the benefit of the children.

## MR. JAMES H. WOODIER.

### Death of Well-Known Resident.

THIRTY YEARS HERE.

Mr. James H. Woodier, custodian of the Happy Valley Recreation Ground, died yesterday in the Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. Woodier was 58 years of age. He had been in the Colony thirty years, originally coming out with the Welch Regiment. He had been connected with the Public Works Department, in his present position, for about two years and was previously in the Army Ordnance Department and the Naval Yard Police. Death was due to pneumonia and tuberculosis.

The funeral was held yesterday at Happy Valley, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave conducting the service. Among those who attended were Messrs. C. Frith, G. Coysh, S. R. Jones, T. Bolt and other members of the P.W.D. staff and old friends.

## WALL OF RULES.

### PROBLEM OF MEN AND WOMEN UNDERGRADUATES.

Following the attack by the Oxford "Isis" on women students, a writer in the Cambridge "Gownsmen" described the restrictions on men and women mixing at Cambridge as "pernicious anachronisms





## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

## GENERAL HOLIDAY.

On Thursday, January 1, 1931, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

## RADIO NOTICES

The Radio Office, where full information concerning all wireless services may be obtained at all times, is situated on the ground floor of the P. & O. Building in Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

New Year greetings are now accepted by Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio. Full particulars on application.

## INWARD MAIIS

| From  | Per | WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31. | Maurice Long |
|---|-----|-------------------------|--------------|
| Saligon   |     | FRIDAY, JANUARY 2.      |              |
| Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, Dec. 4 and Parcels, Nov. 27) |     | Comorin                 |              |
| Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Dec. 13, 1930)            |     | Ranchi                  |              |
| London (Parcels, Nov. 29) and Straits                                     |     | Helenus                 |              |
| SATURDAY, JANUARY 3.  |     |                         |              |
| Australia and Manila  |     | Nellore                 |              |
| SUNDAY, JANUARY 4.  |     | Brisbane Maru           |              |
| Japan   |     | MONDAY, JANUARY 5.      |              |
| U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, Dec. 13)                       |     | President Madison       |              |
| Straits   |     | Kilderpore              |              |
| TUESDAY, JANUARY 6.   |     |                         |              |
| Japan and Shanghai  |     | Sphinx                  |              |
| THURSDAY, JANUARY 8.  |     | Yasukuni Maru           |              |
| Straits   |     | FRIDAY, JANUARY 9.      |              |
| Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 20)   |     | Empress of Japan        |              |
| SATURDAY, JANUARY 10.   |     |                         |              |
| U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 12)             |     | President Harrison      |              |
| MONDAY, JANUARY 12.   |     |                         |              |
| U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Dec. 19)             |     | President Pierce        |              |

## OUTWARD MAIIS

| For  | Per | WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.   |                |
|--|-----|---|----------------|
| Manila   |     | Melville Dollar   | 3.30 p.m.      |
| Amoy   |     | Tai Yuan  | 3.30 p.m.      |
| Samshui and Wuchow   |     | Kong So   | 4 p.m.         |
| Saigon   |     | Holkin  | 5 p.m.         |
| Shanghai   |     | Lee Sang  | 5 p.m.         |
| Cebu   |     | Jason   | 5 p.m.         |
| Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. and S. America and *Europe via San Francisco |     | Tatsuta Maru (Due San Francisco, Jan. 22, 1931, and *Europe via Siberia) Registration Dec. 31, 1930, 5 p.m. Letters Jan. 1, 1931, 8.30 a.m. |                |
| THURSDAY, JANUARY 1.   |     | Linchow   | 8.30 a.m.      |
| Hoihow, Pakhol and Haiphong  |     | Deli Maru   | 8.30 a.m.      |
| Swatow, Amoy and Formosa   |     | Tai Yuan  | 9 a.m.         |
| Amoy   |     | Cremer  | 10.30 a.m.     |
| Straits  |     | Hai Ning  | 2 p.m.         |
| FRIDAY, JANUARY 2.   |     | Ranchi (Due Marseilles, Jan. 30, 1931) G.P.O.   |                |
| Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane                                     |     | Parcels   | Jan. 2, 5 p.m. |
|  |     | Registration  | Jan. 3, 9 a.m. |
|  |     | Letters   | 10 a.m.        |
| Japan  |     | Comorin   | 5 p.m.         |
| Shanghai   |     | Lee Sang  | 5 p.m.         |
| Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia   |     | Comorin Registration  | Jan. 2, 5 p.m. |
| SATURDAY, JANUARY 3.   |     | Letters   | 6 p.m.         |
| Sandakan   |     | Hin Sang  | 10 a.m.        |
| Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Brisbane   |     | Brisbane Maru (Due Brisbane, Jan. 18, 1931) Parcels   | Jan. 3, 4 p.m. |
|  |     | Registration  | 4.15 p.m.      |
|  |     | Letters   | 5 p.m.         |
| SUNDAY, JANUARY 4.   |     | Kiangsu   | 9 a.m.         |
| Bangkok via Swatow   |     | Canton Maru   | 9 a.m.         |
| Swatow, Amoy and Formosa   |     | Kwangtung   | 10.30 a.m.     |
| MONDAY, JANUARY 5.   |     | Hydrangea   | 2.30 p.m.      |
| Hoihow and Bangkok   |     | Hatching  | 1 p.m.         |
| TUESDAY, JANUARY 6.  |     |   |                |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow   |     |   |                |

\*Superscribed correspondence only.

## THE NEW GERMAN AMBASSADOR.

## His Career as a Politician.

## BARON VON NEURATH.

When Baron Konstantin von Neurath takes up office as German Ambassador to the Court of St. James, England will make the acquaintance of one of the most distinguished of Republican Germany's diplomats and politicians. Fifty-seven years of age, Herr von Neurath was recalled from his post at Constantinople in 1917 to become chief of the King of Wurtemberg's Cabinet. The revolution in 1918 found him still at his post, and it is among his greatest pleasures to recall that he once personally intervened between his King and an angry mob in Stuttgart, the capital of the little South German kingdom.

It may as well be said here that the revolution in Wurtemberg was not very terrifying, that the people loved their King and Queen dearly—the royal couple have not left their own borders to this day—and that, as in many other districts in South Germany, the Republic was proclaimed because the signal from Prussia could not be disobeyed without civil war. But the scenes of those days foreshadowed the skill which the Baron was to display later in dealing with the Italian Socialists and the beginnings of the Fascist regime a short time afterwards in Italy. He has been Ambassador in Rome since 1922.

**Delicate Problems in Italy.** This typical South German aristocrat, as different in his easy manners and charm of approach from the Prussian Junker or the Hanseatic patrician as can well be imagined, performed in Rome tasks nearly as difficult, and requiring as much tact, as those required of Herr Thaemer in his earlier days in London. In his dealings with Mussolini he nearly always had some form of positive success to his credit, even on such difficult subjects as the sequestration of German property in South Tyrol, for which he obtained as much as eighty per cent. equivalent in cash. In various skirmishes where German tourists offended Fascist authority, and still more painful ones in which German journalists were required to leave the country at a moment's notice, his intervention generally made for peace, provided the good faith of the victim had satisfied exhausting research.

The chief value of von Neurath's work to Germany lay however, in his negotiation of the trade treaty of 1926 and the friendship and arbitration treaty of 1926. These were by no means easy to obtain. He leaves Italy infinitely better friends with Germany than he found her. A certain atmosphere of suspicion and irritation has been almost completely eased. The Italians have always found him sincere. A courtier to his finger-tips, albeit a loyal Republican, he does not suffer revolutionaries gladly.

**An Embassy Burglary.** That his task was not always easy is proved by the following incident—one of the many episodes occurring at foreign embassies since the War so much more like fiction than fact. During the troubled years round about 1923 the presence of strangers roaming in an inquisitive manner around one's property was not rare in the parks and gardens of Italian gentlefolk. But the German Embassy, with its headquarters at the beautifully wooded Villa Wolkenstein, on the Latern Hill, kept a permanent watch on those who appeared to have no business about the premises. Figures, cloaked and hooded, lights that flashed behind palms and shrubs, were the order of the day, or rather night. It was prepared, therefore, for burglary which occurred late one evening, and two of the embassy staff, who were permanently on guard, turn and turn about, caught two men red-handed, who were ransacking the safe.

Since they had completely disregarded neat piles of banknotes,

## CLEANLINESS A DANGER?

## Interesting Theory by American Professor.

## OPPOSITE EXTREME.

Indianapolis, Nov. 5. Man's attempt to live down the fact that he is the dirtiest of animals has caused him to go to the opposite extreme, said Dr. Thurman B. Rice, professor of hygiene in the Indiana University School of Medicine.

"We scrub ourselves so clean that we remove the oily bacteria-laden layer which is the natural covering for our bodies and remove ourselves so far from germs that when we accidentally come into contact with them we have built up no resistance and fall easy victims to disease," he said.

"We are continually warned to beware of body odour and to improve our looks and thereby improve our health, but neither odour nor looks have anything to do with hygiene, which is the science of maintaining health." He cited Frederick the Great as an example of a person who, he said, was one of the world's most dynamic figures and lived to an extremely old age in spite of the fact that he went for years without taking a bath.

"Even toothbrushes and toothpastes are more to keep the teeth socially acceptable than to prevent decay, for all reports to the contrary, clean teeth do decay," he pointed out. "Animals often have perfect teeth and none of them has ever used a brush or paste."

A moderate amount of dirt is better than to be continually worrying about things being sanitary, he said.—United Press.

## HYBER PASS.

## STRICT RULES REGARDING EUROPEAN WOMEN.

Peshawar, Nov. 1. Owing to the present situation in the Tirah, the Khyber Pass has been closed to all visitors by road and rail until further orders.

There are to be no movements of Europeans outside any cantonments by night in the N.W. Frontier Province.

European women are forbidden to travel on any road in Peshawar district except the Grand Trunk and Nowshera-Malakand roads, and on these roads they must have a European male escort. They must not use these roads after 2 p.m.

European women riding elsewhere than in cantonments and on the racecourse, must have a European male escort, who must be armed.

Except between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. the Frontier road from Jamrud road to Matanni will be closed to traffic, except under special circumstances. No Europeans are permitted to pass Almal Chabutra after 3 p.m. European passing Almal Chabutra after this hour are liable to be detained there for the night.

but packed up the thick bundles of documents which the safe contained as well, it was clear that "the papers" of melodrama were their quarry. But Baron von Neurath had stuffed dummy documents into the cases long ago, and no political secrets were likely to fall into anybody's hands. Carabinieri and police commissioners arrived to protect the Embassy and remove the offenders, but were met with the icy remark that Germany's ambassador dealt with the Italian Foreign Office only. Nor did General del Bono, highest official of public safety, who arrived next day in person, accomplish anything further. Again the Baron refused to hand over the would-be thieves. Not till midday came and the Italian Foreign Office sent officials to take the offenders in charge, did he permit them to leave.

Under von Neurath the German Embassy in London is likely to be more a political than an artistic centre. Economists and financiers are preferred to writers and artists. But this has not prevented the German colony in Rome from renewing its pre-War gaieties.

## EXCHANGES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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On New York—  
On demand ..... 26 9/16  
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On Bombay—  
Wire ..... 73 1/2  
On demand ..... 73 1/2

On Calcutta—  
Wire ..... 73 1/2  
On demand ..... 73 1/2

On Singapore—  
On demand ..... 47 1/2

On Manila—  
On demand ..... 53 1/2

On Shanghai—  
On demand ..... 71 1/2  
Dollar ..... 5 1/2 dis.

On Yokohama—  
On demand ..... 53 1/2

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ..... 1/1 1/2  
Silver (per oz.) ..... 14 1/2

Bar Silver in Hong Kong ..... 4 1/2 prem. nom.

Copper Cash ..... Nominal  
Copper Cents ..... 3 1/2 prem.

Rate of Native Interest ..... 3 1/2 p.a.

Chinese Sub. Coin ..... 23 1/2 dis.

Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.

Paris ..... 123 62 1/2  
New York ..... 485 5/16

Brussels ..... 34 76 1/2

Geneva ..... 125.04 1/2

Amsterdam ..... 12.06

Milan ..... 94.76 1/2

Berlin ..... 20.38 1/2

Stockholm ..... 18.11 1/2

Copenhagen ..... 18.16 1/2

Oslo ..... 18.15 1/2

Vienna ..... 34.49 1/2

Prague ..... 163 1/2

Helsingford ..... 103

Madrid ..... 46.40

Lisbon ..... 108.25

Athens ..... 375

Bucharest ..... 818

Rio ..... 4 1/2

Buenos Aires ..... 35

Montevideo ..... 35 1/2

Bombay ..... 1/5 25/32

Shanghai ..... 1/5

Hong Kong ..... 1/1 1/2

Yokohama ..... 2/0 17/32

Silver Spot ..... 14 1/2

Silver Forward ..... 14 7/16

—British Wireless Service.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN COLONY.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for January 1931, (Standard time of the 12th Meridian, East of Greenwich) are as follow:—

Jan. Sunrise Sunset.

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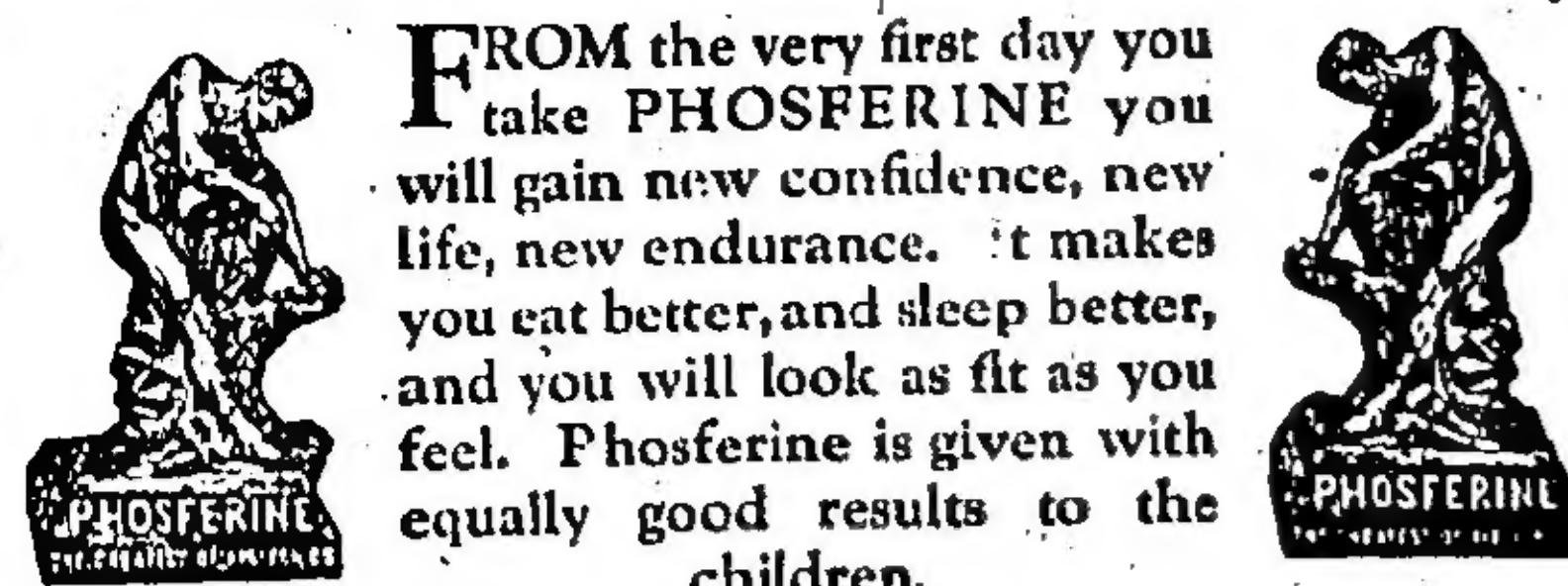
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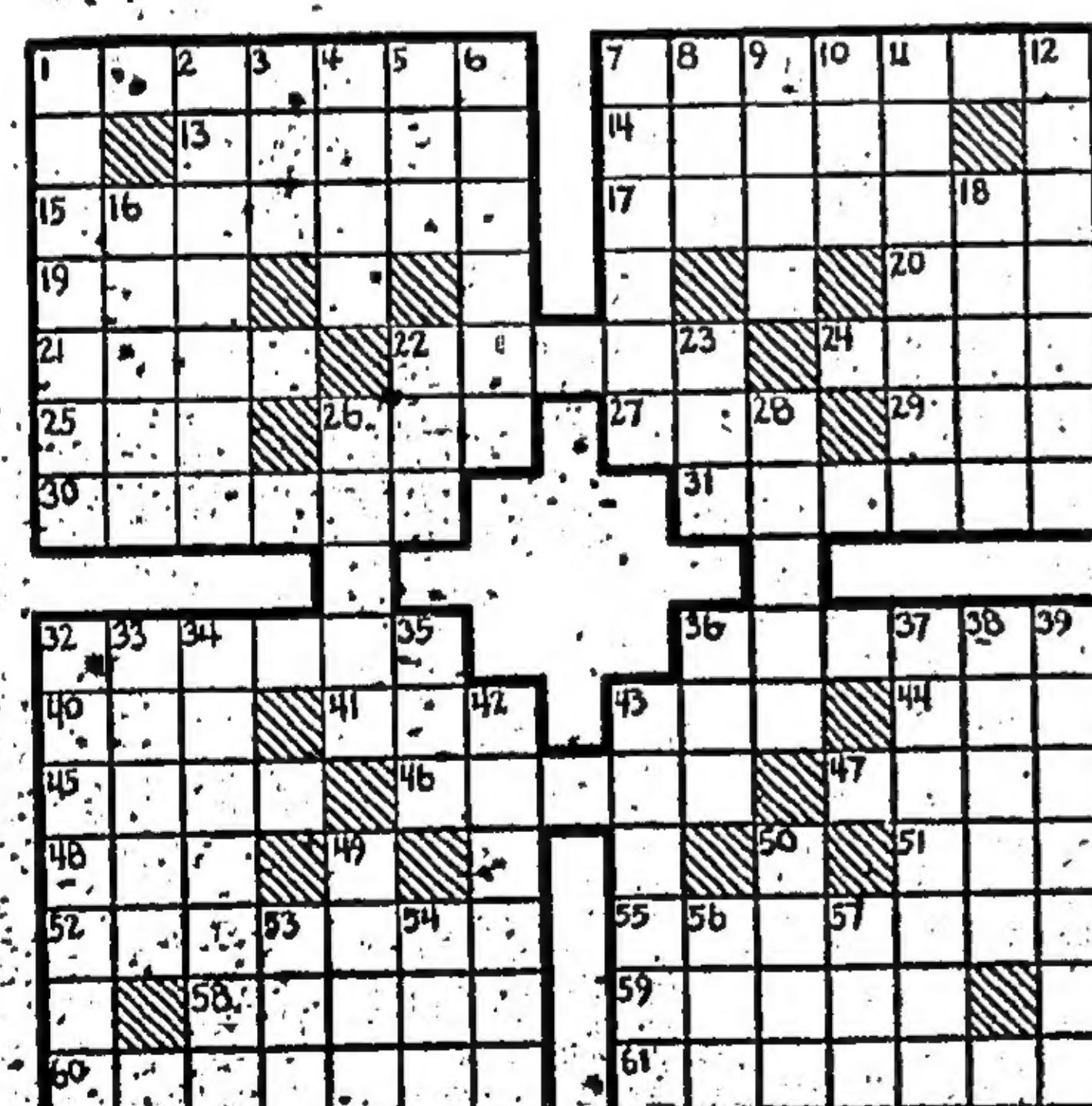
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### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as *harbor*, *plow*, and *altho*.)



**HORIZONTAL**

- 1-To alleviate
- 7-City of Florence, Italy
- 13-Member of cat family
- 14-A magistrate of old Rome
- 15-The height of a man
- 17-Of greatest height
- 18-River Island
- 20-Female deer
- 21-A single thing
- 22-To begin
- 24-To make distinct
- 25-The skin of the codfish
- 26-The lion
- 27-The sun
- 28-A compass point (abbr.)
- 30-A skip that carries all
- 31-Pitched
- 32-Staid
- 33-A punctuation mark
- 40-Possessive pronoun
- 41-Gorrows
- 43-Grassy surfacel
- 44-Girl's name
- 45-Weak and of vice
- 46-A superfluous novel

**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**

- 47-A broken tooth
- 48-Prefix—wrong
- 51-Ending of present participle
- 52-A communication
- 53-The east wind
- 55-The east wind
- 56-Girl's name
- 60-To right, as a wrong
- 61-Name of thirteen Egyptian monarchs
- 62-To attack with violence
- 63-In position
- 64-Out (Gr Afr. D.)
- 65-Cills and fever
- 66-European country (abbr.)
- 67-Builds
- 68-Benches
- 69-Highest mountain in Grate
- 70-Small stream or water
- 71-A old measure of length
- 72-Driving Implement (pl.)

**VERTICAL**

- 12-Went in
- 16-Ringworm
- 18-To plunge into liquid
- 22-A knight's title
- 23-Small child
- 25-Strikes repeatedly
- 26-Had affection for
- 28-Who shamed
- 33-Heiford
- 34-Put clothes on
- 35-The name
- 36-Sharp explosive noise
- 37-Natives of Ionia
- 38-A orangutan
- 39-Weapons for stabbing
- 42-Constraint by force or fear
- 43-To smile in a silly manner
- 49-Naked
- 50-Tiller of a boat
- 53-Promises same as
- 54-Suppose
- 55-Highest note of Guld's scale
- 57-Large lake in O. Ireland

*(The solution to the above cross-word puzzle will appear in the next issue along with other crossword puzzles.)*

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Grum-wumpetty-bang!  
Comphah-oompah!

It was only the sound of the 200 brass bands who have brought their trombones, tubas and other weapons to the National Band Festival, writes an Evening News correspondent in mail week. According to the latest reports the foundations of the Crystal Palace are still standing the strain well, and it has not been found necessary yet to groat the pillars.

It was the biggest "blow" of the year.

The music was not the only big noise at the festival. Mr. George Bernard Shaw arrived at noon, and listened to the test piece which Sir Edward Elgar has dedicated to him.

Mr. Shaw, who has been accused sometimes of blowing his own trumpet, blew Sir Edward's this time. "I am very proud of the fact that the greatest master of music in the world has dedicated this work to me," he said.

"Elgar is a master of stupendous tone without noise. He is a musician who really knows how to use syncopation. Many bands do not know the real meaning of the word."

Mr. Shaw paused.

He listened to the sonorous melody of the piece "The Severn Suite." Mr. Shaw, for several minutes, was silent...

A Gorgeous Array.

Do not imagine that the 5,000 brass bandmen take this battle lightly. Most of them had travel-

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| Y      | Y      | D    | I       | RULE   |      |
| Y      | Y      | I    | S       | SIREN  |      |
| Y      | Y      | S    | R       | ARISES |      |

led all through the night from distant towns and villages, with 50,000 brass band "fans" to support, and by 7 a.m. they were in the streets around the Crystal Palace, having a trial gallop over the course.

Hundreds of households were awakened by the music of Wagner, played outside their windows.

"Oompah!" said the tubas.

"Grump, grump," said the trombones.

Looking out of their windows, whole families saw the working-men musicians from Glasgow and Tredgar and Brynmawr and other homes of melody standing in circles and blowing for all they were worth.

There is no other sight in the pageant of London quite like the Crystal Palace on Brass Band day. All the bandmen have to wear uniform, and the massed gold braid and peacock-coloured trousers would have made a Drury Lane producer turn green with envy.

There were bands that looked like a collection of lion-tamers, and bands so gorgeous that they might have been mistaken for cinema commissioners, and bands which were just like the nobility of the Austrian court in the palm days of the Empire: red bands, green bands, blue bands and purple bands.

And mingling among them one heard snatches of talk like this:

"Ay, she knows, the tempo were too fast, so I said to auld Joe . . ."

"Look you, man, this trombone is the best in the world, yes, indeed. In Wales the trombones . . ."

There were 19 London bands, all blowing for the honour of the Metropolis. One of them was a Boys' Brigade band.

No Women Players.

I asked one of the bandmen whether there were any women players. He looked quite shocked, and said: "Good heavens, no!"

"Why not?" I demanded.

"But surely women would improve a band's staying-power," I insisted. "Do you deny that women have great lung-power?"

"No," he admitted.

"Then why not allow them to play?"

He fingered his cornet in an embarrassed sort of way. "All I can say is that it is a tradition," he muttered, and went quickly away.

And lastly I ask your sympathy for the judges. They have been cooped up in tents all day, guarded by the police, and have been listening to the same piece played over and over again. Is there no Society for the Prevention of cruelty to Judges?

### The King's Good Wishes.

In response to a message of loyalty from "thousands of working-men musicians," the King's private secretary wired to the Crystal Palace.

"It has given the King much pleasure to receive once again the loyal and devoted assurances of the working-men musicians assembled at their annual festival. His Majesty sincerely thanks them and sends his best wishes for a successful meeting."

### THEATRE RECORD.

#### "MRS. FRASER" OUTDOES "BUNNY."

The record for long runs in the Haymarket Theatre, London, which has a tradition extending over 200 years, is held by Mr. St. John Ervine's comedy, "The First Mrs. Fraser," which by November 1 had occupied the theatre for seventy weeks. Previously the record was held by "Bunny Pulls the Strings," which ran for sixty-nine weeks and three days.

### NOVEL APPOINTMENT.

#### Director Of Religious Drama.

The Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Bell) has appointed Mr. E. Martin Browne, M.A., as Director of Religious Drama in the Diocese of Chichester.

This is the first appointment of the kind made in England. The duties were indicated by the Bishop's Chaplain in an interview.

"The object of the appointment," he stated, "is that the director may encourage the production in parishes all over the diocese of religious plays as a means of edification, instruction and enjoyment.

"He will be expected to go about and lecture on the production of plays, to give advice as to the kind of play, the method of production, lighting, the best plays, and so forth. No play will be allowed in a church except with the express permission of the Bishop." One of the plays of the kind contemplated he added, would be produced shortly in Eastbourne.

It was Dr. Bell who as Dean of Canterbury, asked Mr. John Masefield to write the mystery play "The Coming of Christ," which was performed in Canterbury Cathedral at Wintertime, 1922.

Mr. Martin Browne is a graduate of Christ Church, Oxford. For the past three years he has been Professor of Diction and Dramatic Art at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, U.S.A. (the leading school of drama in the United States).

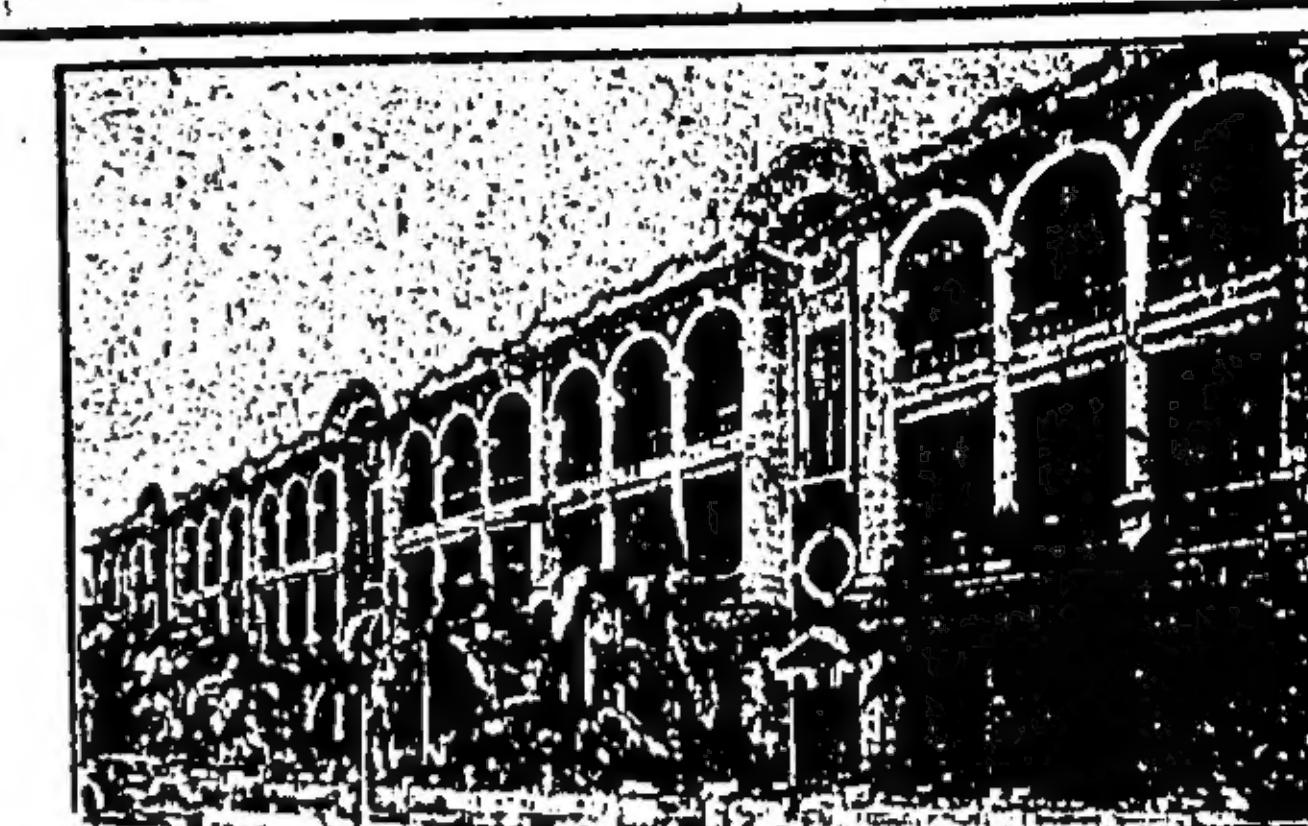
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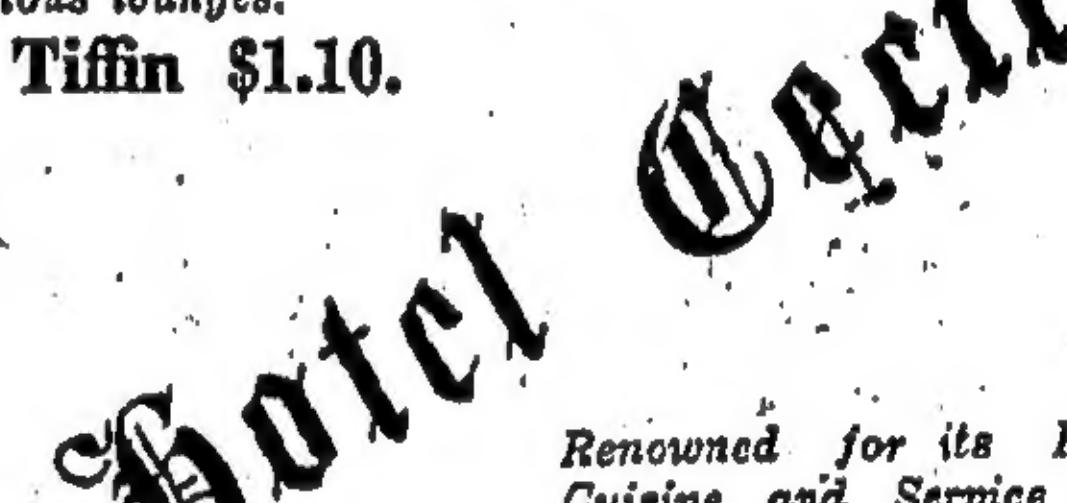
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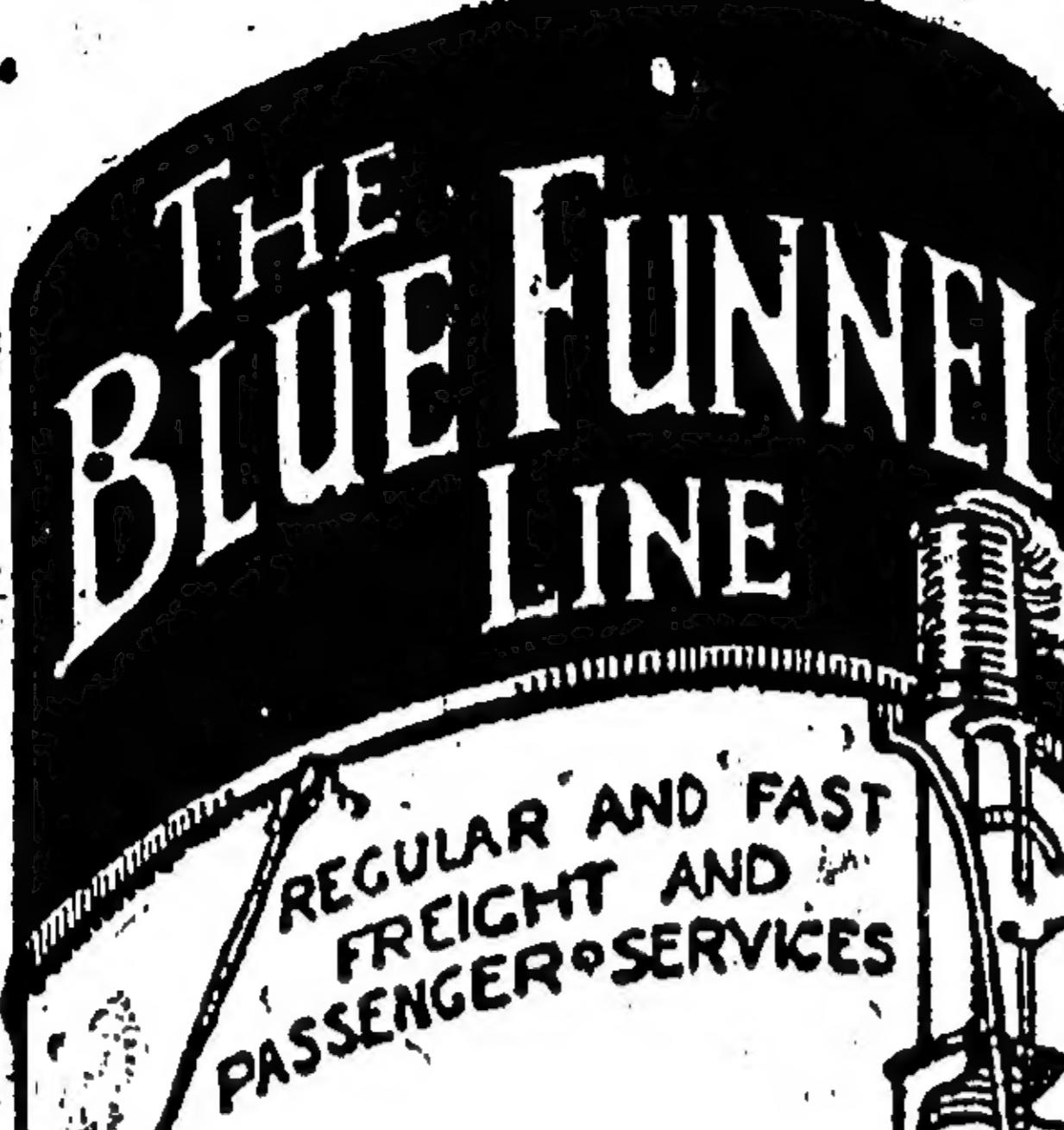
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Worst For 25 Years. Johannesburg, Yesterday. Four have been killed and 75 injured in a tribal fight which broke out between Basutos and Pondo on the Randfontein Estates Mine. It is believed to be the worst fight that has occurred in the West Rand for a quarter of a century.

The fighting began on Christmas Day and is still going on, in spite of the arrival of mounted and foot police.—Reuter.

## AIRCRAFT EXPORTS.

### FIGURES DOUBLED DURING THE YEAR.

Rugby, Yesterday. In spite of the worst conditions of depression, Britain has during the year doubled her aircraft exports.

Foreign Powers have placed several orders in England for the latest military machines of the interceptor fighter class, of which two types have been developed during the year. They are designed to intercept fast day and night bombers, are capable of speeds exceeding 200 miles an hour, and possess a remarkably rapid rate of climb.

Another factor in the increased aircraft export trade has been the popularity of the efficient light aeroplanes. Aircraft experts also declare that the Handley Page 42-seater machines, which have been built for the Cape Town service, are three years ahead of their rivals in comfort, accommodation, performance and economy.—British Wireless Service.

## BAN ON IMMIGRANTS

### RESTRICTION URGED IN AUSTRALIA.

Canberra, Yesterday. The Government has decided to restrict alien immigration until the country's economic position has improved.

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